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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PRESS GUIDANCE ON RETURN OF
AMBASSADORS EILTS AND PICKERING TO WASHINGTON.

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS, FUNSETH

NEA PROPOSES FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE ON ABOVE
SUBJECT AND REQUESTS CONCURRENCE OR COMMENT FROM SECRETARY
AND AMBASSADOR ANDERSON.

QUESTION: WHY IS AMBASSADOR EILTS RETURNING TO WASHINGTON?
WILL HE BE TAKING A NEW ISRAELI PROPOSAL BACK TO CAIRO?

ANSWER: THIS IS PART OF OUR CONTINUING PROCESS OF KEEPING
THE PARTIES INFORMED AS OUR CONSULTATIONS GO FORWARD AND
PART OF OUR EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN INTERIM AGREE-
MENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IS POSSIBLE.

QUESTION: WE NOTICE AMBASSADOR PICKERING IS ALSO RETURNING.
DOES THIS HAVE ANY RELATIONSHIP TO THE RETURN OF AMBASSADOR
EILTS?

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ANSWER: NO. AMBASSADOR PICKERING IS COMING BACK TO
WASHINGTON IN CONNECTION WITH THE HEARINGS BEING HELD BY
COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE ON THE SALE OF AIR
DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO JORDAN. HIS RETURN HAS NOTHING TO DO

WITH THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF AMBASSADOR
EILTS' CONSULTATIONS HERE, ALTHOUGH WE OF COURSE KEEP KING
HUSSEIN INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. INGERSOLL

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